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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submit the following **Response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 2005 and Petition For Extension Of Time To Respond**. Please amend the application as follows hereafter.

Introductory Comments and Status of the Claims

In the Office action of December 6, 2005, pending claims 4-7, 9-11, and 19-23 were rejected pursuant to 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,544,666 to Thirumalachar et al.

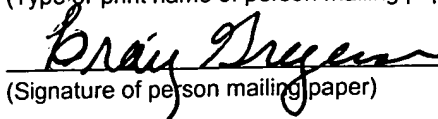
By this response Applicant has canceled previously non-elected claims 1-3, 8, and 12-18 and has amended pending claims 4, 7, 11, 19, 20 and 23.

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